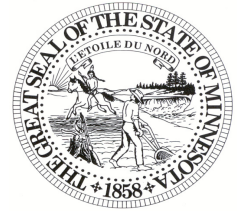




STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE

**In the Matter of a Site Permit Application for the 20 MW
Grant County Wind Farm Project in Grant County, Minnesota**

PUC Docket Number: IP6722/WS-09-341

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Grant County Wind, LLC (GCW) has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a site permit to build and operate a large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) of up to 20 megawatts (MW) in Roseville Township in Grant County, approximately five miles west of Hoffman and six miles south of Barrett. The Commission accepted the site permit application on July 9, 2009.

Project Description. GCW proposes to install 10 wind turbine generators and anticipates an in-service date of January 31, 2010. GCW proposes to use 10 Suzlon S88 wind turbine generators mounted on freestanding tubular steel towers. The towers will be 80 meters (262 feet) in height measured at the hub. The rotor diameter will be 88 meters (289 feet). The maximum overall height of the wind turbines will be approximately 124 meters (407 feet) above grade when one blade is in the vertical position.

An electrical system consisting of underground collection and feeder lines will deliver power to an on-site substation and then interconnect to the existing Roseville Substation, owned and operated by Xcel Energy. Other associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and turbine access roads.

Proposed Site Location. The Project site is located in Grant County. The proposed project site encompasses approximately 763 acres in sections 13, 14 and 24 of Roseville Township. Grant County Wind controls the right to develop wind energy on the properties through leases and easements.

Site Permit Review Process. The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES), on behalf of the Commission is initiating the permit review process for this project under the Wind Siting Act (Minn. Stat. § 216F) and Wind Permitting Rules (Minn. Rules 7836). Upon completion of this process, the OES will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision.

The OES is currently soliciting comments on issues that should be included in development of the draft site permit for this project (see below). Based on comments received, OES staff will prepare and submit a draft site permit to the Commission for consideration. If approved, the draft site permit will be issued for public review and comment. A public meeting will be held in the project area and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and present comments. Persons on the mailing list for this project (see below) will receive notice of all public and Commission meetings.

Public Comments. The OES is soliciting comments on issues that should be considered in developing the draft site permit for this project. Such issues include unique characteristics of the proposed site or project that should be considered, and items that may be missing or mischaracterized in the site permit application. Interested persons may comment until **August 7, 2009**. Please include the project docket number (IP6722/WS-09-341) on all comments. Comments should be mailed, emailed or faxed to the OES Project Manager identified below.

Project Contacts and Information. If you have questions or if you would like further information about this project please contact:

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Persons interested in adding their names to the Department of Commerce mailing list for this project should contact the project manager, public advisor, or register online at:
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us>

Questions about the Project and site permit application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Mr. Corey Juhl, Tel (507) 777-4310; corey@juhlwind.com.

The site permit application and other documents relevant to the proposed project are available on the Commission's website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=20054>, and on the Department of Commerce's eDocket website:
<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the docket number 09-341).

Copies of the application are also available for review at the public library in Elbow Lake, the Auditor's Office in Grant County, the city offices in Hoffman and Barrett and with the clerk of Roseville Township.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio tape) by calling 651-210-2202 (Voice) or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY relay service).